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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

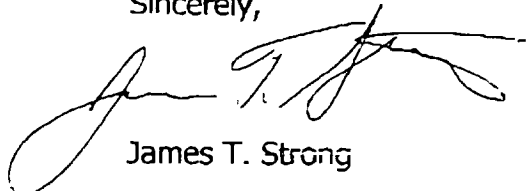
I am in favor of the antitrust case against Microsoft settling. The litigation against Microsoft has been extended out for far too long.

I am a computer consultant. As a consultant, I have directly observed the negative impact the suit has had on the IT community, and on our economy. Uncertainty has been created industry-wide. As a result, business has suffered. Drawing out the lawsuit further will only result in creating even greater uncertainty in the industry.

The terms of the settlement agreement are reasonable, and are in the public interest. In fact, Microsoft has offered concessions that go beyond the scope of the lawsuit. For example, Microsoft agreed to the creation of a Technical Committee to act as a watchdog over its business practices. I support concessions that will ensure compliance with the antitrust laws. However, I do not believe concessions should include the ability to interfere with Microsoft's business operations. While I believe some of Microsoft's concessions are not particularly fair to Microsoft, I support the company's willingness to go beyond what is at issue to bring this case to a rapid conclusion.

I urge you to support the settlement. Bringing closure to this issue is best for everyone, and so I thank you for taking the time to consider my point of view.

Sincerely,



James T. Strong